

Austin-Travis County Health & Human Services Department



Deer Ordinance/Management Update

Public Health & Human Services Committee

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Erin Cord, Wildlife Austin Park Ranger, PARD

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A-TCHHSD

Outreach/Education



- Prepared PowerPoint presentations provided upon request
- Austin Energy utility bill insert newsletter article (each spring)
- Targeted distribution of educational door hangers
- Dedicated deer feeding ordinance & deer information webpage
 - Deer-involved collision reports (Austin Police Department)
 - Dead deer pick-up reports (Austin Resource Recovery)
 - Deer resistant plant guide (Watershed Protection Grow Green Program)
 - White-tailed deer information (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)

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COMPLAINT/ENFORCEMENT REPORT

February 23, 2009 thru March 31, 2012



Calendar Year	Complaint Count	Address Count	Complaints by Zip Code				Citation Count	Citations by Zip Code*				Citations by Disposition				
			78731	78735	78750	78759		78731	78735	78750	78759	No Contest	Guilty	Deferred	Dismissed	Pending
2009	32	18	11		3	4	0									
2010	20	12	6	2		4	4	2			2	1			3	
2011	23	16	12			4	2	2						1	1	
2012	1	1				1										
Totals	76	47	29	2	3	13	6	4	0	0	2	1	0	1	4	0

* No citizen complaints have been filed in Municipal Court

COA Transportation Department (Traffic Signage in Northwest Hills)



Peter Marsh, P.E.
Supervising Engineer

COA Parks and Recreation Department (Certified Wildlife Habitats)

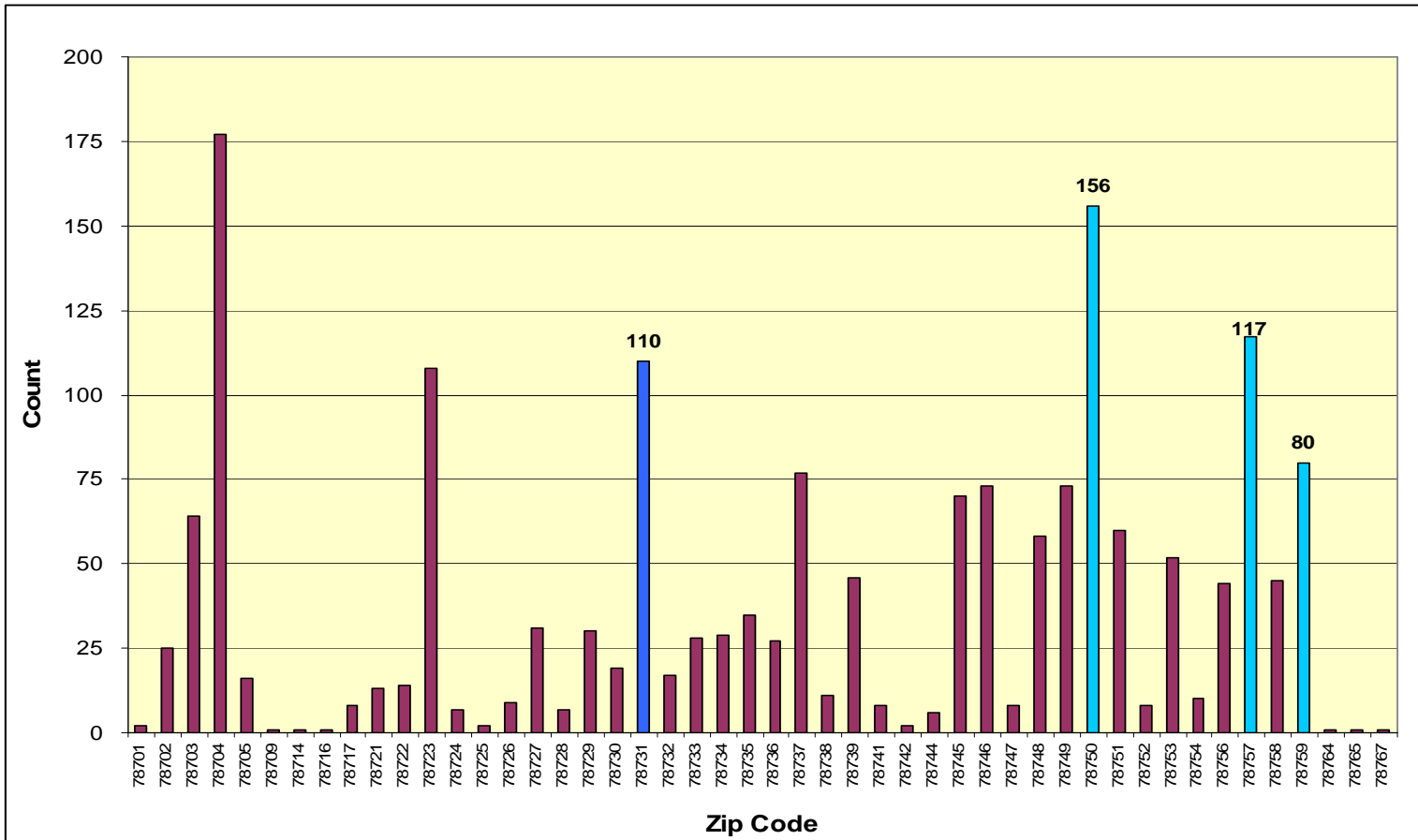


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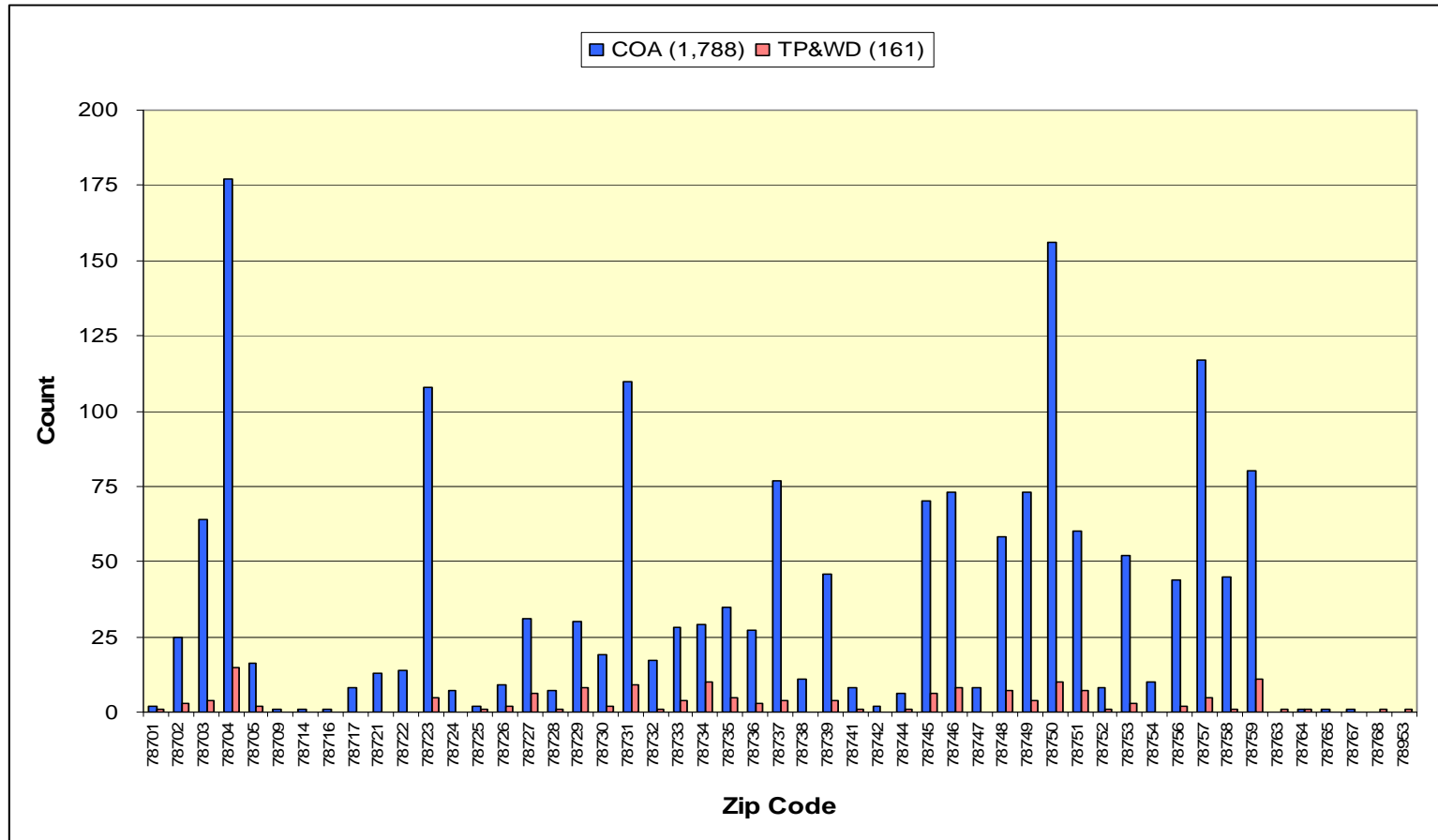
Wildlife Austin Park Ranger

- National Wildlife Federation (NWF) Certification Programs
 - COA NWF Community Level Wildlife Habitat Certification Initiative (City Council Resolution No. 20070308-028)
 - COA NWF Community Level Wildlife Habitat Certification Recognition (March 12, 2009)
 - Wildlife Austin (COA Parks & Recreation Department)
 - Best of Texas Backyard Habitats (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)
 - Texas Wildscapes (Texas Parks & Wildlife Department)

City of Austin Certified Wildlife Habitats (1,788 Citywide Total)



City & State Certified Wildlife Habitats (1,949 Citywide Total)



COA Law Department (Ordinance Review)



Jacqueline Cullom
Assistant City Attorney

- PHHS Committee requested comments from the Law Department at its February 21, 2012 meeting relating to proposed ordinance changes.
- The Law Department has provided comments via an attorney/client privileged communication.
- Generally, the Law Department does not support NWACA's position that three proposed changes (definition to include water; deletion of culpable mental state; and "may" to "shall") will effect the enforceability of the ordinance.
- State law allows Class C misdemeanor fine range from \$1 to \$500.

QUESTIONS?

